

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, the Examiner requires confirmation of the telephone election made on July 25, 2003. Claims 1-9 have been objected to because of informalities. Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040 (Delorme et al.). Claims 6-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al.

By the present response, Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 10-14. Claims 1, 6-8, have been amended to further clarify the invention. New claims 15-25 have been submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1, 3-9 and 15-25 remain pending in the present application.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has requested affirmation of the election of claims 1-9 made by Applicants during a telephone conversation on July 25, 2003. Applicants hereby elect with traverse claims 1-9. Applicants traverse this restriction since Applicants assert that there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to perform a search of claims 1-9 and claims 10-14 together. In any event, claims 10-14 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-9 have been objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify the invention and respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended these claims to further clarify the invention and respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al.

DeLorme et al. discloses computerized travel reservation information and planning system that generates "map ticket" output in various media, for guidance and transactions en route. Such print or electronic documents can include bar or alphanumeric codes for automated recognition and/or access. WHERE?, WHO/WHAT?, WHEN?, AND HOW? menus enable flexible user inquiries accessing selectable geographic, topical, temporal and transactional data records and relational processing. Submenus provide further capabilities.

Regarding claim 1, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of this claim of, inter alia, a service processing apparatus that includes means for receiving situation information

transmitted from a service requesting apparatus including identification information for identifying a service requesting apparatus, or means for identifying a type of terminal of the service requesting apparatus based on the identification information and for converting information obtained by the executing the information processing into information capable of being displayed in the identified type of the terminal.

DeLorme et al. discloses that an object ID is a unique random number or a binary representation of the precise date/time and discloses to aid object manipulations or transfers between computers (see col. 32, lines 7-15). Therefore, DeLorme et al. discloses that the object ID is for identifying the object. This is not identification information for identifying a service requiring apparatus, as recited in the claims of the present application. Moreover, DeLorme et al. discloses that the TRIPS output includes (1) the digital display, (2) paper or sheet media maps, (3) TRIPS travel information output electronically transmitted, and (4) comparable output (see col. 15, lines 33-53). However, DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest how to convert the TRIPS output. DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest that the type of the terminal of the service requiring apparatus is identified based on the identification information and then the identification obtained by executing the information processing is converted into the information or the format capable of being displayed by the identified type of the terminal, as recited in the claims of the present application.

Regarding claims 2-5, Applicants submit that these claims are dependent on independent claim 1 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding this independent claim.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1-5 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Claims 6-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Regarding claim 6, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of this claim of, inter alia, a service processing apparatus that includes means for receiving situation information transmitted from a service requesting apparatus including identification information for identifying the service requesting apparatus, or means for identifying a type of terminal of the service requesting apparatus based on the identification information and for converting a result of the executed information processing into information capable of being displayed in the identified type of the terminal. As has been noted previously, DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest these limitations in the claims of the present application. DeLorme et al. merely relates to a computerized travel reservation information and planning system that generates "map ticket" output and various media for guidance and transactions en route. DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest anything related to identifying information for identifying a service

requesting apparatus or converting information obtained by executing the information processing into information capable of being displayed in the identified type of terminal, as recited in the claims of the present application.

Regarding claims 7-9, Applicants submit that these claims are dependent on independent claim 6 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding this independent claim.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 6-9 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

New Claims

Applicants have submitted new claims 15-25 for consideration by the Examiner and assert that these claims do not contain any prohibited new matter and are patentable over the cited reference.

Regarding claims 19 and 23-25, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, inter alia, a service processing apparatus for supplying a service to a user that includes means for identifying a type of terminal of a user based on the identification information included in a reference request of the service contents, means for converting the retrieved service contents into a content capable of being displayed in the identified type of the terminal, or identifying a type of a terminal of the service requesting apparatus based on the identification information and

converting information obtained by executing the information processing into information capable of being displayed in the identified type of the terminal. As has been pointed out previously, DeLorme et al. does not disclose or suggest these limitations.

Regarding claims 15-18 and 20-22, Applicants submit that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1, 6 or 19 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that DeLorme et al. does not disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of new claims 15-25 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be entered and allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-9 and 15-25 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.38952X00).

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